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"For the first time in the history of Canada, the prime minister of Canada is running away from the Parliament."

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion



"What he's doing right now is trying to lock the door of Parliament so that the elected people cannot speak."

New Democrat Leader Jack Layton



"The Conservative leader has managed to do something quite extraordinary, which is to attract the criticism of all the leaders in

Quebec." Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe

House on hiatus

Harper asks rivals for input on economy as GG prorogues Parliament

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper appealed to his political rivals for economic advice to defuse their outrage over the

Conservative leader's unprecedented shutdown of Parliament to avoid certain defeat.

After an 80-minute meeting yesterday at Rideau Hall, Governor General Michaëlle Jean granted Harper's request to prorogue Parliament, sparing him from a confidence vote on Monday — and defeat for his Conservatives.

The Conservative leader acknowledged the economic demands of his political critics and promised the "first order of business" when Parliament resumes on Jan. 26 would be a budget the following day.

But Harper's invitation to the opposition parties to work together on the economic file did not appease the three party leaders who say they remain ready to replace his government with a Liberal-led coalition at the earliest opportunity.

The NDP and Bloc vowed to defeat the Conservatives, even if it means waiting a few more weeks.

"I cannot have confidence in the prime minister who would throw the locks on the door of this place know-



Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces that Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean approved his recommendation to prorogue Parliament at Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday. Harper said he will deliver a budget the day after Parliament resumes, which will be on Jan. 26.

ing that he's about to lose a vote in the House of Commons. That's denying about as fundamental a right as one has in a democracy," NDP Leader Jack Layton said on Parliament Hill.

But cracks began to appear in the resolve of the Liberal party.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion condemned Harper's tactical move to avoid defeat, while at the same time he appeared willing to compromise if Harper acts on their budget demands.

"This is about replacing Stephen Harper unless he made a monumental change ... the challenge is monumental for him," Dion said. "Nothing in what Mr. Harper said today change our mind."

Harper adopted a more

conciliatory tone than in the week since the crisis erupted over his government's economic statement.

Outside Rideau Hall, Harper called on the opposition to "engage with the government," citing Canadians' "frustration" at all political parties for their failure to work together on the economic crisis.

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Do you think the Gov. Gen. should have allowed the prime minister to prorogue Parliament?

Jason Contant

age 32, Toronto

A: I think so. It is a precedent setting thing ... because they would have brought a confidence motion ... that would bring down the government.

Donna Maxwell

age 52, Dartmouth, N.S.

A: I'm disappointed. What else can you say? I'm disappointed. I don't like the dictatorial manner that Harper uses.

Kathy Vanderbilt age 39, Calgary

A: I think it's good (she) stepped in and suspended Parliament because the coalition wasn't the elected party.

Annemarie McCrie

age 32, Edmonton

A: I think taking a break is a good thing because things are moving too quickly. The coalition is just going way too far — they're pushing and pushing.

Dakshin Gunawardana

age 21, Vancouver

A: Yes I think so. We have already had the election. The opposition shouldn't just go in and take it by force.

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Visit Santa at Lansdowne Park

Ottawa residents can celebrate the Christmas season with Larry O'Brien tomorrow as he hosts the Mayor's Eighth Annual Christmas Celebration at Lansdowne Park. From 2 to 6 p.m. in the Aberdeen Pavilion, children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, decorate gingerbread cookies and enjoy live entertainment. From 6 to 10 p.m., the Civic Centre Arena is open for skating. Admission is free, but a non-perishable food donation for the Ottawa Food Bank is encouraged. METRO OTTAWA

Thousands rally to support coalition

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Following the announcement yesterday morning that Parliament would be suspended until late next month, thousands of people turned out to a rally on the steps of the Hill to support members of opposition parties who tried to form a coalition.

Holding signs that read, 'Coalition Yes/Make Parliament Work," thousands of people, crowded almost to the street, shouted their support.

"I'm here to support coalition," said Bradley Vis. "This is an affront to Canadian democracy."

"Coalition government will hear citizens' voices

and bring it to Parliament," said Alexandra Marangone. "It's sad that (Harper) is stalling Parliament. He's deliberately ignoring our voic-

"I think Harper is trying to escape justice," said Jason Hammond, a Kitchener resident who came to Ottawa for the rally yesterday.

The rally also heard from opposition party leaders.

Today is the first time in the history of Canada that the prime minister is running away from Parliament, Liberal Stéphane Dion.

Harper is trying to save his job, said Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe.

Harper "put the lock on the House of Commons, so we cannot vote him out of office," said NDP Leader

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Jack Layton.

"Everywhere I go, I hear people saying, 'I'm part of the 62 per cent majority.' I want to tell you, I'm part of that 62 per cent majority, too."

Although the coalition got overwhelming support at the rally yesterday, Allan Meltzer doesn't believe this is the case all over Canada.

"I think this issue has really divided the country," he said.

The demonstration here was one of many taking place across the country yesterday and over the next several days, said event speaker Judy Rebick.

"It was absolutely successful," said organizer Catherine Gilbert of yesterday's



At front right, Carleton University students Danielle Taylor, James Craig and Alexandra Marangone shout their support for a coalition government at yesterday's rally on Parliament Hill.

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City to release transit contingency plan

TIM WIECLAWSKI

Transit users should learn the city's contingency plans today in case OC Transpo drivers, dispatchers, and maintenance workers go on strike Wednesday.

"We'll be releasing that information tomorrow and over the weekend ... in the event that ATU chooses to turn away from what we believe is a fair and reasonable offer presented from the city," Mayor Larry O'Brien said after an emergency meeting held to brief city councillors on the state of negotiations.

O'Brien said the city needs to strike a balance between rewarding the work of OC Transpo employees

and looking after the interests of taxpayers in Ottawa.

"I believe we have found that balance and we are looking forward to negotiating a settle-

ment through the weekend," he that information said.

tives from the weekend." Representathe Amalga- Mayor Larry O'Brien mated Transit

Union local 279 will be meeting with city officials on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to hopefully reach a deal before the deadline.

However, O'Brien did not answer when asked if he was confident that a strike could be avoided.

ATU 279 president Andre Cornellier said the formulation of contingency plans should not reflect on the prospects of negotiation. "It's all about being pre-

pared. We're prepared, too. We have our strike captains and our con-

tingency 'We'll be releasing plans, too, but we'll meet them," tomorrow and over said. "They

he

the ones that can make a deal happen, but there will not be any concession on our part."

On Wednesday, 98 per cent of ATU members voted to reject the latest contract offer. Cornellier said the offer would require the union to accept major changes to working conditions, lower wages, and sick leave bene-

Bridge problems noted weeks ago

CLOSURE The deterioration in the masonry arches that forced the indefinite closure of the Chaudière Bridge Wednesday was first reported to public works two weeks ago.

According to Pierre Vaillancourt, regional director, professional and technical services, with public works, a contractor performing maintenance work first reported the deterioration.

The last full detailed inspection on the bridge was done in 2007.

The bridges spanning the Chaudière crossing were originally built between 1827 and 1843.

According to a 2007 report, around 27,000 vehicles cross the bridge per day.

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News in brief

CRASH An Arnprior man was killed in a collision yesterday morning. Police said a 2000 red Kenworth dump truck was heading eastbound on Highway 7 when it entered the intersection of Dwyer Hill Road on a green light and collided with a 1998 green Cadillac, which had entered the intersection southbound on Dwyer Hill Road. The driver of the Cadillac, John Pulcine. 39, was pronounced dead at the scene.

ROBBERY At 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, a man entered the Henson Corner Store at 46 Henson Rd., said Gatineau Police Const. Isabelle Poirier. The suspect, who had a firearm, demanded cash from the employee. Police now have a 39-yearold woman and a 25-year-old man in custody. Charges are pending. **METRO OTTAWA**

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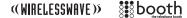
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Three charged in \$566,000 drug bust

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Ottawa police charged three people at the conclusion of a two-week drug investigation Wednesday. Police seized drugs with a street value of \$546,000 and \$20,000 in Canadian currency. METRO OTTAWA

Murdered women remembered at vigil

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A vigil planned for tomorrow evening will remember two Ottawa women allegedly murdered by their partners this year, as well as all other murdered and missing women in Canada.

Hundreds of community members, survivors, service providers, police offi-

cers and the men who support them are expected to attend the vigil on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women to remember Alicia Bateman, 28, and Lien Angelis, 42, who are among 15 other Ontario women murdered by their partners (where charges resulted) this year.

The event also marks the 19th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

vigil to honour and remember all women who have died as a result of male violence," said Erin Williams, executive director of the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women.

There will be a ceremony of roses, placement of candles on the monument, songs by Aboriginal and women children singers and speeches.

"It's not just a women's issue. It's the community's responsibility."

Erin Williams

The Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses has put together a list of women who were murdered by their partners where the partners

were charged with their murder or who committed suicide, said Williams.

That list — which goes back to June 1995 — is 32 pages long, yet it still doesn't show the extent of the problem, Williams said.

"A lot of women who experience violence or sexual violence don't reach out to police or other institutions for help," she said.

The vigil, which begins at Minto Park at Elgin and Gilmour Streets tomorrow evening at 6 p.m., is followed by a non-religious service at First United Church on Richmond Road.

"It's not just a women's issue." said Williams. "It's the community's responsibility. By becoming more aware of violence against women, it contributes to public education and that could potentially end vio-



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Baby starved after mother overdosed on meds: Police

FATALITY After a ninemonth investigation, police have determined that a baby boy found dead alongside his mother in Gatineau died from dehydration and starvation.

Gatineau police have

from a concerned friend who hadn't heard from Fortin in weeks. Police said they only recently received the results of the toxicology reports from Montreal.

The woman died from an overdose of a combinasaid.

Green rally headed for the Hill

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If cities like Ottawa spent more money on transit and a cycling plan instead of roads, it would go a long way toward reducing

Canada goes green

 Other climate-change rallies taking place across Canada this weekend include events scheduled for Toronto, Mon-

treal, London, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, St. John's, Halifax, Moncton and Fredericton.

"We're calling attention to climate change and urging governments to take

"We're really at a critical time right now. Emissions of greenhouse gases have been escalating, and if we are to avoid the dangerous result of climate change, the government needs to start acting."

The 2 p.m. rally on the Hill, followed by an ecofair at the University of Ottawa's university centre, is one of many rallies scheduled across Canada.

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Conservatives most popular

An EKOS poll conducted for CBC this week found support for the Conservatives at 44 per cent, up from the 37.6 per cent the party received in the October federal election. The poll found the Liberals down two points at 24 per cent, and the NDP down almost four points at 14.5 per cent. CBC NEWS ONLINE

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Don't bash Quebec: Charest

Quebec Liberal Leader Jean Charest, left, is urging Canadians not to let the political power struggle in Ottawa descend into Quebec-bashing. Charest condemned anti-separatist rhetoric aimed at Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, who has agreed to support a coalition of the Liberals and NDP. With more than 1.4 million voters supporting the party, the Bloc has earned its political legitimacy, Charest said.

Coalition to keep up fight

Tories, opposition have seven weeks to sway Canadians

The decision to proroque Parliament didn't bring out the white flags of surrender for the Liberal-NDP coalition united to defeat the Conservatives.

But it changed the strategy of battle.

The fight moves from a now-shuttered Parliament Hill to the airwayes and Internet as Conservative MPs square off against the Liberal and NDP MPs trying to push them from office.

Instead of a quick victory over the Conservatives, the NDP, Liberal and Bloc Québécois MPs now face the prospect of a drawnout public-relations campaign over the holidays and early winter to win Canadians to their cause.

"I think both the coalition and Mr. Harper are going to be working hard on presenting economic ideas to Canadians over the next six to seven weeks," said Liberal MP Bob Rae.

The creation of the political coalition — and the threat it presented to the Conservatives — had al**NATION DIVIDED**

ready sparked a public-relations war by both sides, featuring radio ads, Internet blogging, talk shows and public demonstrations, like the pro-coalition rally on Parliament Hill vesterday.

Thousands jammed the front lawn outside Centre Block, chanting and waving signs that read "Coalition — Yes!"

Anti-coalition rallies, billed as "Rally for Canada" assemblies are also planned for the weekend. Pro-coalition radio spots, paid for by the Canadian Labour Congress, began airing in certain markets across the country this week.

NDP Leader Jack Layton urged his caucus on Sunday to enlist NDP supporters — "labour councils, childcare groups, environmental groups" — as part of a pro-coalition effort involving petitions, phone-in

The percentage increase of traffic on metronews.ca following the Parliamentary action today — one of the highest days Metro has ever seen for web traffic.

shows and letter-writing campaigns

For its part, the government is expected to roll out some announcements of its economic plans over the next few weeks. A Conservative cabinet minister said the government needs to be seen as good economic managers.

"I don't think voters are going to be forgiving of any party or politician who's tub-thumping over the next seven weeks about partisan politics."

That means Canadians can expect to see "competing platforms and proposals" take shape, Rae said.

"We have a responsibility to present an alternative, and I'm sure what will happen at the end of January

will be a consideration by the House of the two alternative plans," Rae said.

On the Conservative side, there is a clear determination to shift to the next stage after a week in which the prime minister and his team knocked back on their heels by the rear-guard action of the opposition.

On Tuesday, the Conservatives launched a major communications offensive in the Commons and on national television that painted Harper as a defender of national unity.

But after a week of inflammatory talk, the tenor shifts to reaching out to the opposition. Senior cabinet ministers acknowledge there is much ground to make up.

One said seven weeks gives enough time for Harper to adopt a more conciliatory tone, as he did prior to the election when he adopted a warmer image wearing sweater-vests

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Governor General should have allowed the prime minister to prorogue **Parliament?**

Mary

Clarke

age 25, Ottawa

Word on the street: Do you think the

Randall Smolinski

age 38, Ottawa

A: Absolutely, **Canadians voted** September. We made a decision then and we should stick with that and not change anything.

A: Yes. Prorogue is the better option because we don't want to en-

ter into an election right now. This gives everybody time to what is going on.

Mike Mauger age 37, Halifax

A: I didn't vote for the Conservative government but I am really not happy with the coalition signing with the separatists.



Simon Mason

age 20, Edmonton

A: I think it's right. My biggest concern is if the coalition is going to ... become government, how much attention are the going to pay to the western provinces?

Hilary **Murfitt**

age 31, Vancouver

A: No. This is just avoidance an tactic. They are trying to put everything hold. If people want change, then people want change.

Eric **Kinch** age 21, Calgary

A: I think with economy right now, it was very irresponsible of the government and the **Governor Gener**al to suspend Parliament, to be



NDP intent on bringing down Harper's Conservatives

SUPPORT The New Democ-statement showed Harper rats appear to be shutting the door to the possibility of supporting the govern- he could do at this point ment no matter what budgetary goodies the prime minister puts on the table next year.

"If their budget does have good elements in it, we'll be glad to incorporate those good elements into the first budget of the coalition," NDP deputy leader Thomas Mulcair said in an interview yesterday.

Mulcair said the partisan measures in the economic

est opportunity.

on Parliament Hill yesterday, NDP Leader Jack Layton urged supporters not to lose hope.

"We are on the cusp of a movement here, and I call upon all of you to not give up one second; do not de-

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Harper attacks on Quebec worst since Meech Lake, Duceppe says

BQ Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe reacted angrily to the parliamentary shutdown and accused the government of fuelling the worst rhetoric against Quebecers since the constitutional debates of the early 1990s. "(Prime Minister

Stephen Harper) asked his supporters to engage in the worst attacks against Quebecers since Meech Lake," Duceppe said after learning Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean had granted permission to prorogue Parliament until late Ianuary. "He has done this simply to save his own skin." Conservative MPs have

regularly described the opposition pact as a "separatist coalition" and Harper tried to claim that the three opposition leaders refused to be photographed with the Canadian flag behind them when they sat down to sign their agreement Monday.

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New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton, from left, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe take part in a news conference in Ottawa earlier this week.

Grits soldier on despite dissension

Stéphane Dion's leadership from Dion's inept perform- day poised to bring down and skeptical of Stephen Harper's new-found spirit of co-operation, the Liberals sought yesterday to chart their next moves in the wake of the temporary suspension of Parliament.

The future of the Liberal-New Democrat coalition that nearly toppled the Conservative minority appeared up in the air after Gov. Gen. Michäelle Jean agreed with Harper's request to send MPs home until Jan. 26.

ance in his nationally televised response to Harper on Wednesday night and nervous about the storm of anticoalition reaction the Conservatives were able to whip up across the country in only a few days.

But, despite some dissent, the party insisted the majority of the 77-member caucus is standing solidly behind the coalition with the NDP that, tapping the support of the Bloc Québé-

STRATEGY Worried about Liberals were reeling cois, had been until yesterthe Harper government and take power.

There was also anger that Harper escaped being dumped from power in a Commons confidence vote this coming Monday by appealing to Jean for a suspension of Parliament

"For the first time in the history of Canada, the prime minister of Canada is running away from the Parliament," Dion said.

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cannot be trusted and there is absolutely nothing that would stop the NDP from voting to defeat the Conservatives at the earli-

At a pro-coalition rally

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Woodstock Toyota opens a new auto plant



President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Ray Tanguay speaks at a newly opened Toyota automobile assembly plant in Woodstock, Ont., yesterday. Toyota Canada Inc. cut the ribbon on a new \$1.1-billion assembly plant, bringing about 1,200 new jobs to a sector that has been losing them.

Harper's Bloc bashing helping to fuel separatists

QUEBEC Baffled by the intensity of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's aggressive condemnations of the Liberal-NDP coalition's deal with the Bloc Québécois, Quebecers are now weighing the consequences of his strategy.

"Maybe the rest of Canada is going to help Quebec separate, and that would be great!" said Nathalie Pauzé, a graphic designer in Montreal, and evidently a sovereignist at heart.

Pauzé thinks that when it comes to national unity, Harper's ongoing invective against the separatist Bloc — which had only agreed to support the coalition has fanned the flames of discord, and that can only help the sovereignist cause in Quebec.

Marco Fortier, columnist for Le Journal de Montréal, called Harper the "pyromaniac fireman."

"It's hard to believe that the aggressive Stephen Harper we saw in the Commons this week is the same man who courted 'nation-Quebecers' months ago," he wrote.

Especially in his first Harper mandate, seemed intent on gaining the favour Quebecers. For instance. he recalibratequalization formula,

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West still mostly support Harper

Conservative stronghold upset at coalition

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The only non-Conservative among Alberta's 28 MPs is preparing to do a lot of talking in the next few weeks.

"The sweater vest is off, the flak jacket is on," said Linda Duncan, the NDP member who took Edmonton-Strathcona on Oct. 14.

Duncan has received hundreds of e-mails over the last week or so, many of them negative.

Many in Alberta and the rest of the West have expressed anger over the coalition put together by the Liberals and the NDP, with the backing of the Bloc Québécois. Duncan believes it is time to let the rabble-rousing die down.

"This isn't about whose goons are the better goons. People are frustrated and we're not trying to win by yelling the loudest. We're trying to have a rational discourse," Duncan said.

While Alberta Premier Stelmach is relieved Parliament was prorogued, he said he hopes Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be listening carefully to what the premiers say about the economy during a first ministers meeting Jan. 16. Conservative Party of "I can say with confidence that people in the West still have confidence in the prime minister to hold our country together. People here aren't blaming Quebec. They're blaming the separatist party.

Don Plett, Conservative Party of Canada president

Canada president Don Plett has received non-stop calls over the past few days from Conservatives urging him to tell Harper to do whatever is necessary to stop the coalition. Now that Parliament has been prorogued, Plett said the party is united behind the prime minister and he doesn't believe the political crisis has divided the country.

"As someone from the West, I can say with confidence that people in the West still have confidence in the prime minister to hold our country together. People here aren't blaming Quebec. They're blaming the separatist party.'

The Liberal Party of Canada's president in Alberta, George Hodgson, said it's always difficult for Liberal and NDP voices to be heard in Alberta but he thinks this time "there are people who see that the government is acting arrogantly."

The Conservative party

remains the dominant party in the West. The Liberals polled last in all four western provinces and have seven seats in total, while the NDP have 14 seats. The Conservatives have

Conservative supporter Kjell Wooding, who lives in the prime minister's riding of Calgary Southwest, said the crisis originated from having a leader who refused to back down.

"I've always been Conservative and Stephen Harper is my MP, but the guy does have the ability to rub people the wrong way. He is a bully and that's not productive, especially now, said Wooding.

MP Jim Prentice (Calgary Centre-North) said the people in his riding clearly recognize that there is a western voice in the national government.

"This is not a western versus eastern issue," said

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Harper, Jean have never had a close relationship

There is no small irony in Prime Minister Stephen Harper owing his government's near-term survival to none other than Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean.

Until she granted Harper's precedent-setting request to suspend Parliament until late January, the Governor General hadn't exactly enjoyed a warm and respectful reception in Conservative ranks.

It was Jean's other Michaelle Jean Hamid Karzai, to precedents that nev-

er sat well with Tories from having to publicly declare she wasn't a Quebec separatist to her alleged political meddling.

Appointed by then-Liberal

prime minister Paul Martin in 2005, she seemed at first to be a surprising, but oddly fitting, choice for a country as multicultural as this one.

Jean, 51, is the first governor general to hail from Quebec since Jeanne Sauvé was appointed in 1984. She also became the first black person to hold the position.

By the fall of 2006, Tory insiders were dismissing Jean as an intellectual light-

weight with a penchant for meddling. That would include her politically charged support for the Afghan mission and an intimate dinner party she held for Afghan president which no cabinet

minister was invited. As a Harper confidante put it then: "It's just plain

unacceptable for a GG to be doing this sort of thing."

At about that time, Harper decided to dispense with the regular chats and political updates that have historically taken place between prime ministers and governors general.

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Police have recovered the bodies of two Montreal-area men missing after a helicopter carrying four people crashed into a lake in western Quebec on Wednesday night. The two other men in the helicopter survived. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Winner of the world's

Canadian Joel Charlebois wins \$2,000, one-week trip to Paris

CONTEST Fifty-five thousand winner. The grand prize of based on the theme Urban tions flow in the contest. 120,000 comments over 500,000 visits to the web-(metrophotochal*lenge.com*) — and only one

the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge, goes to Toronto's Joel Charlebois for his eerie snapshot Midnight Tram to Humber,

Thousands of photographers from more than 20 countries in which Metro publishes let their inspira-

The global jury panel chaired by Marco Delogu, Italy's most sought-after portrait photographer, had the difficult task of picking

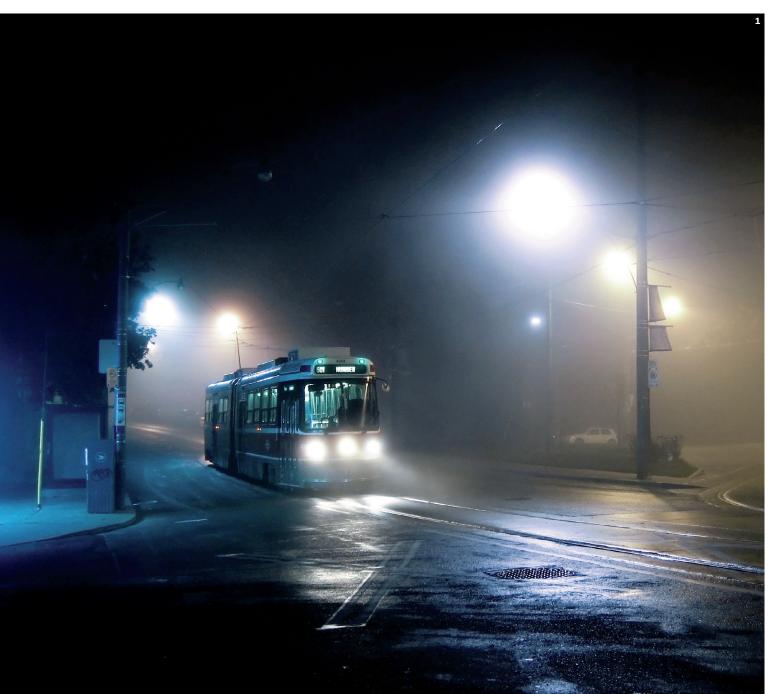
the final 100 global entries.

As the global winner, Charlebois receives \$2,000 and a one-week trip for two to Paris, where he will

the top photograph from have the chance to create a story-shoot from his Parisian experience. Metro will publish his shots in all 84 editions worldwide.

Two dead after helicopter crash

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1. Midnight Tram to Humber, winner of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge by Joel Charlebois, was shot on a Canon SD500 point-and-shoot camera.

4 runners-up

Three of top 5 finalists are Canadian entries









- 2. lydiamacintosh, Canada.
- 3. phil_fortin, Canada.
- 4. Roman, Czech Republic.

loel: I spent three hours waiting for the shot

Winner of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge, Joel Charlebois, talks about his amazing month and reveals the recipe for a winning photo.

This has been a memorable month for you, hasn't it?

"Firstly, I was unemployed when I entered the competition and now I have a job, which is great. Then I got to take part in photo exhibition arranged by Metro. Seeing Midnight Tram to Humber exhibited and being admired by hundreds of people was a fantastic feeling. And this on the night of my 30th birthday! I then won the challenge globally, which is even more amazing."

How was the picture taken? "A year ago, there had

Joel's passion is film.

dark, I would wonder what it would be like to capture those eerie moments on camera.

"So one night, I wrapped up warm, took my backpack and little point-andshoot camera and spent three hours waiting for the perfect shot in the street. I wasn't working at the time, so I could afford to be up in the middle of the night."

How does it feel to be an amateur who has beaten profes-

sional photographers? "It is a thrilling achievement. More so that I won with a photo I shot on a Canon SD500 point-andshoot and \$20 plastic tripod. It's motivation for anyone with an eye — but not necessarily the fancy tools — to keep shooting.' Has winning the challenge

"It has certainly given me a major boost — as well as an amazing camera to work with (a Nikon D700 as my prize) and not the little point-and-shoot I used previously. I am definitely going to try and use this opportunity to realize my dreams."

given you a boost to take

photography more seriously?

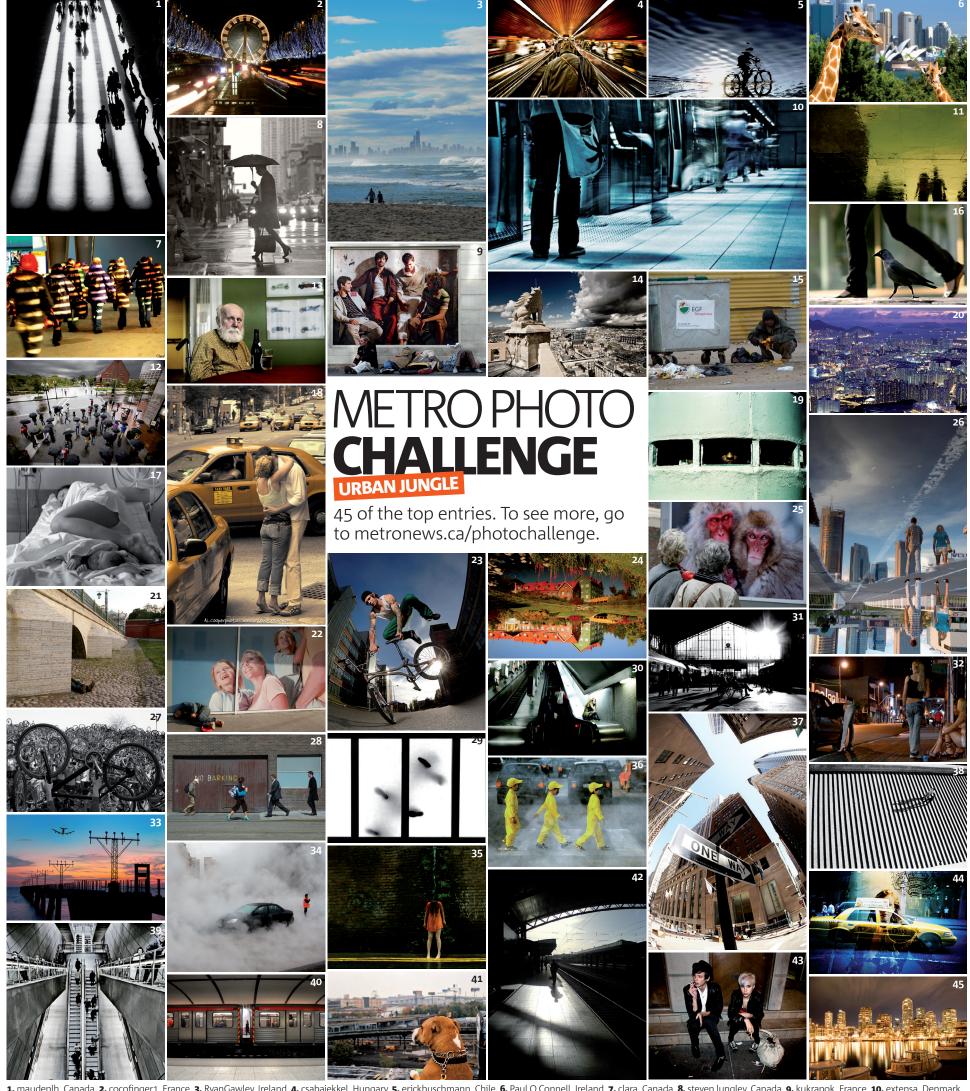
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been a few foggy nights in Toronto, and every time I would walk home in the

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Oil-service vessel workers kidnapped in Nigeria

Gunmen attacked two oil-service vessels in separate incidents in Nigeria's Niger delta yesterday, kidnapping a Russian, a Mexican and seven Nigerians, security sources working in the industry said. The vessel Oceanic Orion was attacked some 13 nautical miles off the coast near a crude oil rig operated by Canada's Addax Petroleum. REUTERS

World



Lack of evidence against Olmert

Israel's chief prosecutor said yesterday there was not enough evidence to charge outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, over his conduct in the sale of an Israeli commercial bank, one of several probes against him. Olmert resigned in September in the face of several corruption investigations, but is serving as caretaker prime minister until a new government is formed after a Feb. 10 election.

Israel evicts Jewish settlers Police's DNA storage ruled rights violation

and clubs to evict hardline Jewish settlers from a building in the West Bank city of Hebron yesterday, igniting a wave of settler violence across the Palestinian territory.

The lightning operation by hundreds of policemen and soldiers ended in less than an hour.

About 30 settlers suffered light-to-moderate injuries, mostly from smoke inhalation. Three policemen were hurt by settlers, who threw rocks, chemicals and food at them.

Angry Jewish settlers, some armed, responded by setting fire to Palestinian cars and property near the building. Eight Palestinians were hurt, including from gunshot three wounds.

Settler violence quickly spread to other areas of the Israeli-occupied West Bank with security forces moving to quell the



Israeli police officers evict a Jewish settler from a disputed building in the West Bank city of Hebron yesterday. Israeli police used tear gas and clubs to evict dozens of hard-line Jewish settlers after days of stone-throwing clashes with Palestinians.

protests, although Palestinian residents said settlers had blocked roads and thrown stones at their cars, causing damage.

protests in Hebron, at around midnight, local residents reported clashes had largely died down.

Tensions have been espe-After a few hours of cially high in the flashpoint city since the Israeli High Court on Nov. 16 ordered settlers to vacate the building they have been occupying since March 2007. REUTERS

EVIDENCE Britain violated the privacy of two people by storing their DNA profiles, Europe's humanrights court ruled yesterday, a decision that calls into question rules governing the use of the country's DNA database.

British groups campaigning for individual liberties immediately demanded a change in the law, which the government rejected.

The case centred on a boy who was charged with attempted robbery aged 11 and later acquitted, and a man who was charged with harassing his partner before the case was formally discontinued.

Both applied for their fingerprints, DNA samples

Police resource

• The DNA and fingerprinting database provides British police with more than 3,500 matches a month, British Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said.

and profiles to be destroyed, but police kept the information on the basis of a law allowing them to keep it indefinitely.

The 17 judges ruled unanimously that Britain had violated the right to respect for private life by retaining the samples. They awarded the two people concerned 42,000 euros in expenses.

REUTERS

News in brief

CRUISE A luxury Antarctic cruise ship carrying 122 passengers and crew started to take on water and leak fuel after it ran aground yesterday. A

its way to the Ushuaia to rescue its passengers, none of whom had been injured.

offset their greenhouse gas emissions by helping to save the Amazon rain forest, an idea under discussion by the EU. Indigenous peoples

they had no chance of seeing such carbon cash, and asked instead for money first to root their land rights. REUTERS

EMISSIONS Brazil ruled out nearby passenger ship was on yesterday letting rich countries attending United Nations-led

climate talks protested that out corruption and cement

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U.S. puts pressure on Pakistan

ATTACKS Pakistan must cooperate fully and communicate with India after the Mumbai attacks, the White House said yesterday, vowing to keep the pressure on to ensure that happened.

"Pakistan needs to act with resolve, urgency. They need to co-operate fully and transparently and they need to keep the line of communication open between their country and India," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said. Secretary of State Con-

doleezza Rice, on a trip to the region aimed at curbing tension between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan, said last week's Mumbai attack showed a level of sophistication unseen in the region and urgent action was needed.

India and U.S. officials have blamed groups based on Pakistani territory for the attack that killed 171 people, but no accusations have been leveled at the state or its agencies.

REUTERS

Cork put in 1930s' booze ban 75 years ago today

ALCOHOL Bars, breweries and beverage companies across the United States plan to mark the 75th anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition today, but the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) will not be lifting their glasses to toast the occasion.

"The WCTU does not really plan to have any speday," said Rita Wort, the Al Capone.

president of the organization founded in 1874 to fight to ban alcohol in the United States during the early 20th century.

From 1920 until its repeal in 1933, the 18th Amendment banned the manufacture, sale and distribution of liquor. Prohibition gave rise to speakeasies, the Jazz Age and cial observance this Fri- bootleggers like Chicago's



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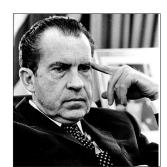
ike most of my generation, born in the mid '60s, I watched that decade and the grinding transition to the '70s over the shoulders of my parents and older sib-

Their relationship to Richard Nixon — as fervent as the tie they had with Pierre Trudeau, though usually for different reasons — was one we could only witness, though like the Mexican blankets and plastic chairs that they once used to decorate their homes, we inherited it as we moved into our adult lives.

I can't help but compare it to the scene in Ang Lee's movie of Rick Moody's novel The Ice Storm, set during the Watergate hearings, when Christina Ricci puts on a rubber Nixon mask as she makes out with Elijah Wood. The confusion and trauma on his face is priceless, and if he wasn't dead before the credits rolled, you knew that he was going to carry that emotional scar with him for the rest of his life. Death, it seemed, was the preferable alternative.

The release of Frost/Nixon this weekend marks the peak of yet another cycle in Nixon's posthumous half-life, the ebbing and surging of public fascination with the man, played in Ron Howard's film by Frank Langella as halfway between an impersonation and an interpreta-

Sam Rockwell's portrayal of writer James Reston Jr., one of the team who helped David Frost with his landmark four-part televised interview with the disgraced



Richard Nixon

president, echoes the betrayal we saw in our parents and especially our older brothers and sisters as they confronted Nixon before, during and after Watergate.

I think my generation has always been more ambivalent, though no less fascinated by Nixon, and the film connects with our image of the "tragic" Nixon when, at the end of their verbal battle, Langella's Nixon tells Frost that his biggest regret is how his betrayal of public trust has made politics irredeemably compromised and

corrupt for young people from 1973 on.

It's a bit disingenuous there have been devastating political scandals before, and disillusioning young people is only marginally less difficult than getting them to listen to bad music. Just as a hyperbolic ululation to transformative change peaks, there's always something like this week's parliamentary crotchkicking to remind us that getting and holding power is often the only real policy a politician will wholeheartedly embrace. I don't know if my Nixon is better than the one looming over the political imagination of my older brother and sister, but I know I prefer our Nixon, betrayed by his own ambition and no less human for it, to the bogeyman who taunted my siblings from his ghostly lair in San Clemente.

> Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Letters

Time to bone up on your parliamentary knowledge

I'm surprised and baffled that so many Canadians have little knowledge of the parliamentary Constitution. We don't elect a prime minister. We elect a Parliament. It is then the responsibility of that Parliament to choose a leader that they support.

> DAN GOULET **TORONTO**

long as the politician in question is doing it nicely. I am not going on a date with Mr. Harper. I don't

dians is our need to have a

politician blow roses up

our backsides to distract us

from their greedy hands in

our pockets. It seems we

are happy to be taken ad-

vantage of and lied to as

Views

Ottawa deferral: The Wimpy cut

UrbanCompass



"I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today." — J. Wellington Wimpy

Spending cuts caused the angriest fuss of this week's public submissions on the budget at city hall.

The city wants to chop at least \$33 million from the budget in order to limit a property-tax increase to about five per cent.

A proposed \$4.1-million cut to arts and heritage spending brought out a crowd who packed the gallery waving signs before marching outside for a demonstration.

Another plan to whack 700 subsidized daycare

spots for low-income families also elicited horror, with speaker after speaker admonishing council for trying to balance the budget on the backs of the poor - and their kids.

Cuts mobilize opposition. They erode political capital. Nobody on city council wants to wear the seasonal epithet of Grinch or Scrooge.

So, how do you cut expenditures without provoking the villagers to march on city hall with torches and pitchforks?

One way is a little trick called "deferral." It's so much easier than making a cut. Spending previously promised is merely postponed until, um, let's just say it's postponed. We'll gladly pay you someday for a hamburger whenever.

The city doesn't spend the money, but it's not a cut, so council doesn't take the political hit. The draft your program. Since On-

"I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today."

J. Wellington Wimpy

budget offers up a pile of proposed deferrals, like \$3.25 million from affordable housing and the homeless, \$350,000 from improved bus service for Stittsville, and \$280,000 from the city archives. These are not mean old cuts, remember, just defer-

The key to a successful deferral is convincing those who depend on the money that it will come eventually, that next year will somehow be better than this year. Everyone expecting a booming '09, raise your hand. Anyone?

Maybe the provincial government will kick in a windfall next year to fund

tario is cashing its first equalization welfare cheques from the feds, however, the odds are longish.

And one fervently (if naively) hopes no new priorities emerge in the meantime to bump your program even further down the queue.

Rideau-Vanier Georges Bedard wonders why anyone would believe "a council that says we're going to renege on an agreement, and we're going to ... not renege next year, and you trust us to that extent?"

How many times can you deter spending before it's just a cut by a nicer name? Deferral is the city's way of saying the cheque isn't even in the mail — it's in the ether.

It's wimpy, wimpy, wimpy.

Steve Collins lives, writes and walks in Ottawa.

Politics, ain't it grand?

Political parties, aren't they great? We spent a bunch of money to get a bunch of people, who claimed they wanted to govern, into the House of Comedy. Now, because of party differences, we're left with a bunch of squalling brats instead a group of rational humans who can solve the problems of the people.

> BRIAN ROSE. **OTTAWA**

Don't blow roses up my backside and call it politics

Re: Sweater Threadbare by Andrew Cohen, Dec. 4

I wanted to respond to Andrew Cohen's commentary on Mr. Harper's detrimental lack of "charisma." What I dislike about Cananeed him to romance me or be my best friend.

TARRAH HALL. CALGARY, AB

Pandora's box now open

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean made a serious error in shutting down Parliament. From this point forward, any leader to follow has a legal argument that they can suspend Parliament anytime it disagrees with a prime minister.

EUGENE PARKS, VICTORIA B.C.

America looking better

Say what you want about America, but at least their constitution guarantees people can vote whoever they want into power for four years, without the threat of a shady backroom deal bringing them down weeks after taking power.

> ORESTES ROBLEDO, TORONTO

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StatoilHydro drops upgrader plans

Norway's StatoilHydro said yesterday it scrapped plans to build a \$16-billion US upgrader for its Alberta oilsands holdings, the latest in a string of big-ticket cancellations amid the economic turmoil. REUTERS

Business

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Luxury **Spending not slowing**



Models stand next to M.V. Augusta motorcycles during the opening day of the 2008 Luxury Show in Bucharest yesterday. Despite the cash squeeze that has hastened recession globally, organizers still expect a high demand for luxury goods.

Bankruptcies soar as economy sinks

The number of personal bankruptcies in Canada soared by more than 20 per cent in October as individuals came under increased pressure from deteriorating economic conditions, according to a report released yesterday.

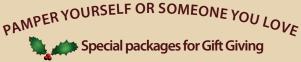
The Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada said a total of 9,468 bankruptcies were filed in October by consumers and businesses. That represents a 7.2 per cent increase from September and a 21.1

per cent jump from the same month in 2007.

According to the report, the majority of filings came from individual Canadians, who saw world stock markets plummet during October as the global financial crisis gathered momentum.

The report showed that 8,972 consumers filed for personal bankruptcy, up 22.8 points from 2007, while business bankruptcies totalled 496, down 3.3 per cent from 2007. REUTERS

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Business in brief

ECONOMY The Ivey Purchasing Managers Index in Canada fell to 40.2 last month from 52.2 in October, its lowest level yet last month, while building permits

also fell. REUTERS **EARNINGS** TD Bank, National Bank and CIBC reported lower profits yesterday, but the results

were either in line with market

expectations or with the banks' own warnings. REUTERS RETAIL Even \$1,000 bottles of Cognac will be on sale, as much as 50 per cent off, as the

LCBO struggles to move inventory. A spokesman said while 2008 sales are on plan, sales growth of premium products is TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Baseball salaries slow

Baseball salaries slowed this year even before the economy cooled. The average salary in Major League Baseball this season was \$2.93 million US, the players' association said yesterday. The 3.6 per cent increase was the smallest since 2004. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Avery decision expected today

commissioner Gary Bettman yesterday in New York over lewd comments made on camera Tuesday in Calgary. Avery is suspended indefinitely and Bettman will determine any further punishment. "I want to take the opportunity to spend a little time thinking about what transpired at the hearing and everything that I was told and that needs to be considered," Bettman said during his weekly radio show.

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Sports in brief

NHL The Detroit Red Wings assigned veteran defenceman Chris Chelios to Grand Rapids of the American Hockey League on Thursday on a conditioning assignment. The 46year-old Chelios has yet to play a game this season as he suffered a fractured right tibia in an exhibition game at Montreal on Sept. 30.

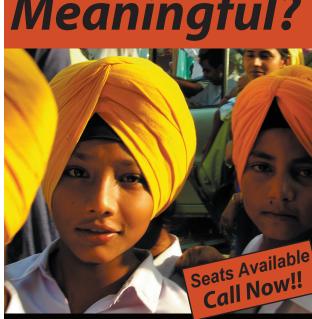
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Triano takes the helm

First Canadian head coach in NBA history takes charge of Raptors

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Over five years and countless hours of practice sessions, games and the downtime that mark an **NBA season, Chris Bosh has** reached a nice comfort level with Jay Triano. Nothing should change now that there's been an alteration in Triano's job description.

"I'm comfortable with Jay; he's been in a head coaching position before with the Canadian national team, he's just not in unknown waters right now," Bosh said after a two-hour workout here yesterday morning.

"He has a system that he wants to run. We're not changing a whole bunch, we're going to keep doing what we're doing and he's making some minor adjustments.

"Only change that was needed was that we needed to play harder and execute better and come with a better mentality in each and every game."

There was no large measure of remorse among the Raptors a day after Sam Mitchell was fired. The NBA



Jay Triano acted as head coach for one game last year - a 109-91 Raptor victory over the Nets.

can be a tough business, everyone knows, and while players and Mitchell's coworkers are far from blameless on his demise, there was far more looking forward than back.

"Me and Sam were very

close, but that's a decision that the front office made and we have to move with it," said Bosh. "We all accept it and I'm sure that Sam is moving on just like

"No responsibility. We

don't make the calls, that's all on the people that do it. No matter what we do or what we say, it's all on the people in the front office to change that."

Triano, 50, takes over an 8-9 team that some — primarily general manager Bryan Colangelo — think should have a better record. Triano, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., gets the job after spending seven seasons on the Raptors bench working for Lenny Wilkens, Kevin O'Neill and Mitchell.

"I think he's the best guy for the job," said Bosh. "I think everybody knows what they're doing up top. (That's) the reason why they put Jay as the interim head coach. We all have a comfort level with him, he wants to work hard and he wants to win basketball games just like we do.

"Jay knows the game, he's played the game and he's motivating us to just go out there and read each other and just play basket-

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sens' playoff streak in danger of ending

was not an odd occurrence to gaze at the NHL standings and see the Ottawa Senators in the basement. At the present time, it takes a little while to get used to.

The Senators were sim-

NHL In the early 1990s, it ply awful in their first four years of existence after entering the league as an expansion club in 1992-93. But the team made the playoffs in 1997 and has been a staple in the NHL's second season ever since, qualifying for the tourna-

sons.

just 22 points.

ment in 11 straight sea-

That streak appears to be in serious danger 23 games into the 2008-09 campaign, as Ottawa is last in the Northeast Division with

Ottawa also has strug-

gled tremendously on offence this year, a problem rarely seen with Senators teams over the past decade. Ottawa is 27th in the NHL with just 56 goals on the season for an average of 2.44 per contest.

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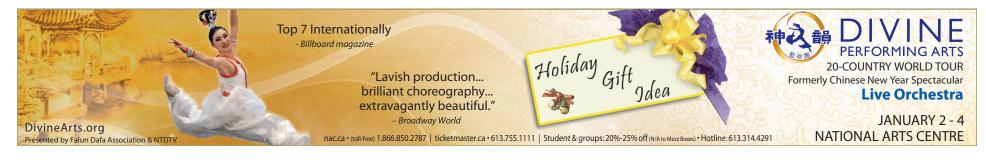
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An NFL sellout that really isn't sold out

Canadians not buying into Bills in Toronto



lot of us Canadians, it turns out, aren't suckers. We're not idiots. We're not willing to pay outrageous, absurd prices for an NFL game just because it'll be the first regular-season one on Canadian soil.

Clearly, fans have said no to the NFL's historic tilt at the Rogers Centre on Sunday afternoon and will either be leaving a considerable number of seats empty or paying more reasonable amounts for tickets than the game's organizers initially sought. In fact, visitors to websites such as craigslist.ca or kijiji.ca will find they can pur-chase tickets at half the original asking prices for non-VIP seats, which ranged from \$110 to \$350.

Oh technically, the game's a sellout. Organizers with the Rogers corporation claimed almost all remaining tickets yester-

About Avery

• Controversial NHLer Sean Avery was extremely close to becoming a Maple Leaf before this season, Metro sports columnist Marty York has learned. For details, check out metronews.ca/nhlreport.

day, I'm told, thus ensuring a theoretical sellout and eliminating any possibility of a local television blackout of the match between the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins.

But: "If you wait till Sunday morning (to check websites), I'm sure tickets will be going for even less than half price," said Gus Lambrinakos, co-operator of the Ultimate Touch Football League in Toronto and the owner of season-ticket subscriptions for nine NFL teams.

"I mean, you're talking about Buffalo and Miami, not the Super Bowl. People aren't stupid. They (organizers) overestimated the public. They thought they'd be well received, but they're getting a rude awakening."

Lambrinakos himself purchased several endzone tickets for Sunday's game at \$140 each a few months ago but, because of his distaste for the NFL exhibition game at the Rogers Centre in August, he sold his seats for a slight profit and instead will be in New Jersey on Sunday to watch the Philadelphia Eagles visit the New York Giants.

For that game, Lambrinakos paid \$110 US for a seat on the 30-yard line.

• A question about the Raptors' decision to fire Sam Mitchell as coach: WHAT TOOK SO LONG?

Mitchell was a liability. Several Raptors couldn't stomach him. He was ornery, arrogant, condescending and confrontational. It's wrong, however, that Raps bossman Bryan Colangelo gets a free pass from many. His team is weak and lacking depth.

• NBA superstar LeBron James isn't a free agent for two years, but www. betonline.com lists the Cleveland Cavaliers as 6-to-5 favourites to re-sign him. The New York Knicks follow the Cavs at 5-to-2. The Raptors, believe it or not, aren't that far behind in The LeBron Sweepstakes — at 15-to-1.

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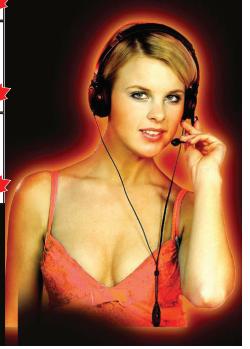
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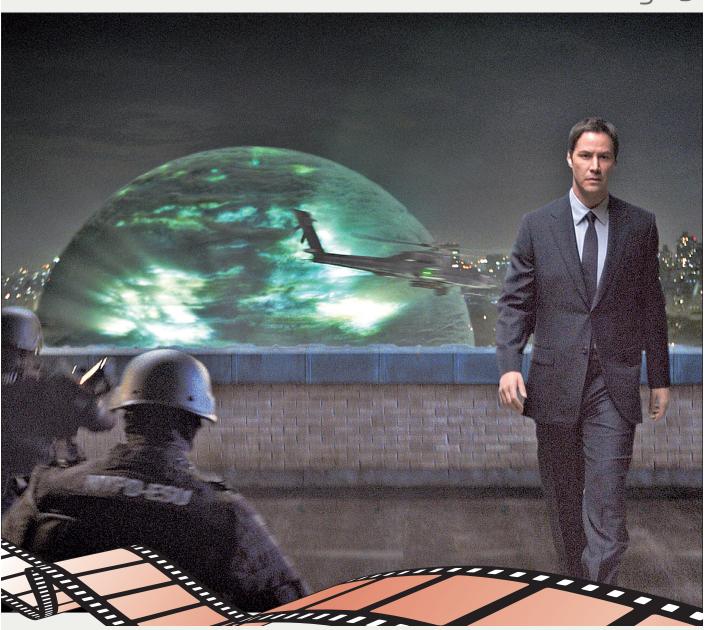
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Out of this world

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Keanu Reeves discusses his latest sci-fi role — the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the updated version of the film The Day The Earth Stood Still — including the challenges of trying to make a "believable" alien.

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Also opening this week is the action film Punisher: War Zone. Visit metronews.ca/movies this Sunday for a review of the movie. You can also read the review in Monday's issue of Metro. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Keanu makes the earth stand still

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN Metro World News

Keanu Reeves has an incredible presence, inviting, sophisticated and sure of himself. The actor stars as the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the reworking of Robert Wise's 1951 masterpiece, The Day The Earth Stood Still — in theatres next Friday.

Looking elegant in the equally chic surroundings of the Ritz, Keanu Reeves tells us more.

Congratulations, you manage to come across as a scary alien without any overacting or weird physical traits.

Thank you. It was scary to play an alien because it has to be believable. So, I'm glad that you went along with the story. I approached it like any other role. I was trying to figure out what did the alien want, who was it,

On the web

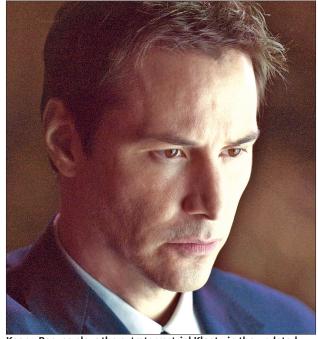
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how does it exist. And I just came up with ideas for that and tried to play the role.



Did you watch the original?

Yeah, sure. But this version of the film, and specifically Klaatu, the character that I play, is very different ... In the original, the alien comes to Earth and, in a way, he's more human than humans. He has a very soft, personable, friendly disposition, and in my interpretation — or in terms of this story's interpretation, that's not the case. He's much more objective and distant and



Keanu Reeves plays the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the updated version of the sci-fi film The Day The Earth Stood Still.

perhaps a little more cold.

Both the original and this remake carry strong messages for humankind.

The original was more about violence and the expansion of violence. The alien came and said, "If you continue with this violent path, we will be more vio-

Movie **interview**

lent than you." So there was kind of a threat there. If that's violence, I don't know. In this film, I guess it's ecology. I guess the human character. The film says we are at a crossroads with our planet. We, as a human species, are having such an adverse impact on the planet that either we're going to die or the planet's going to die. And if the Earth dies, we die. But if you die, the Earth survives. My character is here to make a judgment on the human species and comes to learn and believe that at this crossroads, at this tipping point, human beings can change, that we will be able to survive ourselves and hopefully some other species on the planet.

Do you think there's a political message, especially when Kathy Bates' character says, "You don't talk to the UN You talk to us"?

Yeah, it's a multilayered film and I think part of it is the representation in the beginning that America is aggressive, and when it's confronted by something unknown reacts aggressively. The story we tell is that maybe that's not the best way to be.



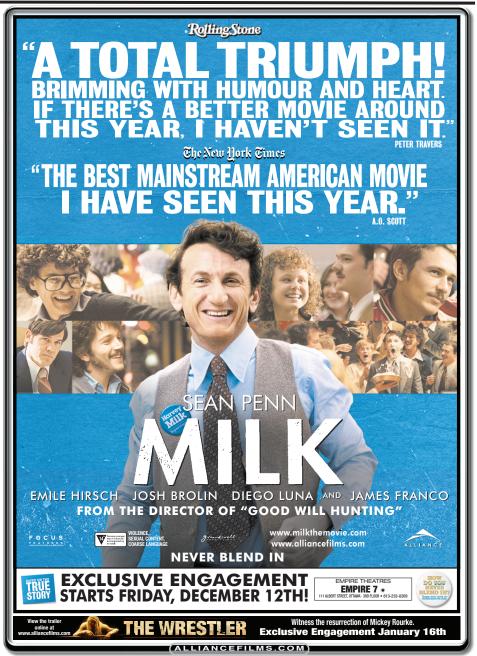
Does it resonate with what's happening to-day?

Yeah. It's an issue that people are thinking about ... hopefully the film will be part of the solution.

Do you think that movies and art in general can help people change or raise awareness?

Yeah, I hope so. I think it's part of a dialogue. I think it's on a lot of people's minds ... the impact that humans are having on the planet.





InFocus

Richard

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really sure what happened

... got up to look out the

window, and all of a sud-

den, we heard this rum-

If this happened in a

movie a nerdy lab-coated

scientist would say some-

thing like, "No telling what

kind of meteor it is or what

goes on inside of it ... it's

been gathering the secrets

of time and space for bil-

lions of years," before giant

bugs or aliens hatch from

the mysterious rock, bring-

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bling," said one witness.

ecently a giant me-

teor lit up the

Canadian prairie

sky. "It was really

bright. We weren't

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Swank to be a resident

Hilary Swank has signed on to play The Resident in a new film from Finnish director Antti Jokinen and the newly revitalised Hammer Films. IMDB.COM

Reel Time

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A dilemma worth your time

KEVIN COURRIER for Metro Canada

While the term triage, which means the process of sorting victims to determine medical priority, is applicable to medicine, it's also an apt title to describe the stirring and

unsettling emotional journey of Dr. James Orbinski.

Triage: Dr. James Orbinski's Humanitarian Dilemma is a powerful tale of a man whose ideals get profoundly tested by the horrific genocides he witnessed and tried to confront in Africa.

The film follows Orbins-

emotions.

Triage: Dr. James Orbinski's Humanitarian

Director: Patrick Reed Classification: STC Rating: ####

Director Patrick Reed thankfully doesn't draw a picture of someone ennobled by their experience, but instead he intelligently presents a portrait of a conflicted, courageous man whose decency was deepened when he bore witness to the worst inhumanities.

ki, a Nobel Peace Prizewinning doctor, as he returns to Somalia, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo to reflect on the meaning of the relief work he did there, and contemplates the true value of what he accomplished. He opens up irresolvable queries about what constitutes true humanitarianism as he examines his own churning

Dilemma

Next week a massive fireball will bring Keanu Reeves crashing to earth in The Day the Earth Stood

with them.

Still, a remake of the 1951 sci-fi classic. In it he plays Klaatu, an ambassador from an extraterrestrial confederation who arrives with a simple message for the people of the third rock from the sun, "If the Earth dies, you die. If you

A fireball, but no aliens in the Prairies

die, the Earth survives." All in all fireballs are usually bad news.

Remember Cloverfield? After a burst of light from the sky illuminated lower Manhattan a colossal creature resembling a giant sweaty salamander with the mumps laid waste to the city.

In The Day of the Triffids meteors do double dastardly duty. First a colorful meteor shower attracts worldwide attention, but the light from the shower renders most of Earth's population blind. Next spores from the meteors turn into plant-like space aliens. That development leads to my favorite ever line in a meteor movie.

"Keep behind me," says Tony Goodwin. hero "There's no sense in getting killed by a plant."

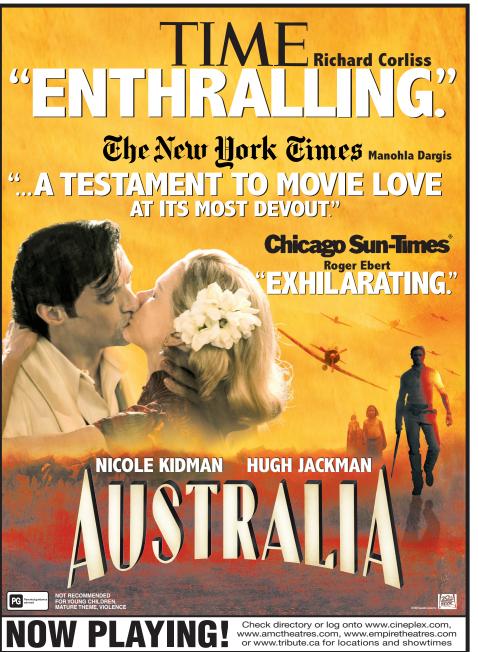
Movie meteors aren't always bad, however. Robert Townsend wrote, directed and starred in Meteor Man about a meek Washington, D.C., teacher who develops superpowers after being hit by a glowing green meteor. Using his newly found abilities he cleans up the streets after a drug lord moves into his neighbor-

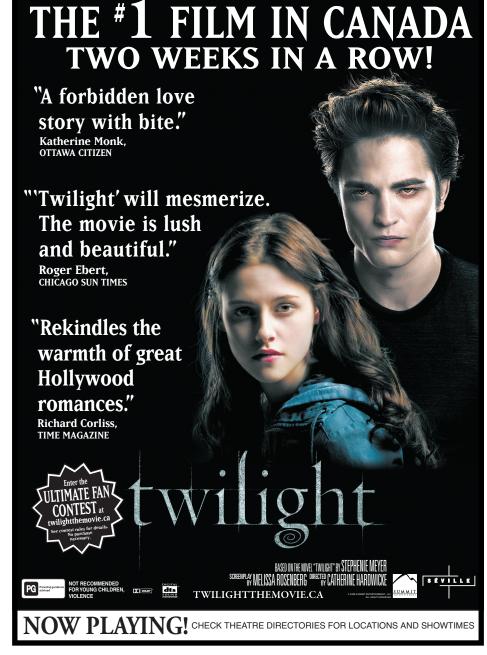
So far there haven't been any reports from the prairies of alien spores, super human behavior or giant beasts terrorizing Brandon, Manitoba but if movie science is to be believed anything is possible.

According to Paul Frees in The Monolith Monsters you never know when the meteor will make itself known. "Meteors!" he says. "Another strange calling card from the limitless regions of space - its substance unknown, its secrets unexplored. The meteor lies dormant in the night - waiting!"

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.







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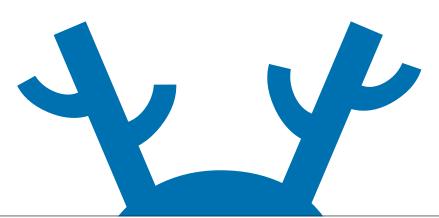
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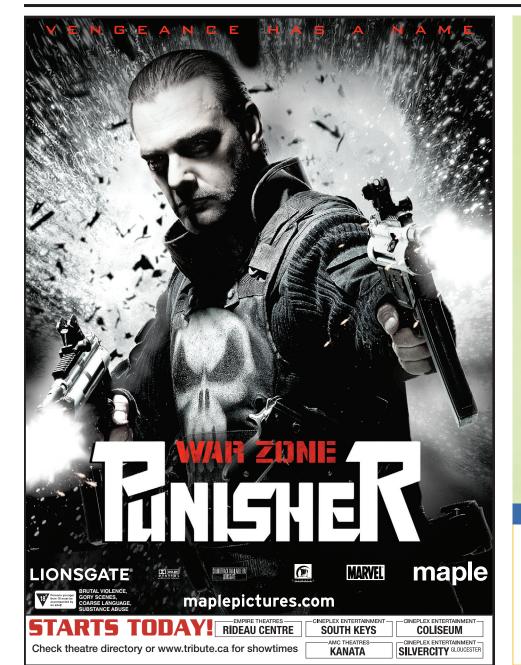
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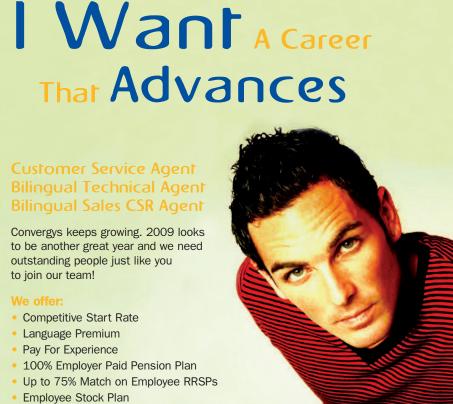
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Music

Band of the decade debate



v my reckoning, there are 391 days until the end of the first decade of the 21st century and we still haven't managed to come up with a proper name for it. The Zeroes? The Aughts? The O's? The Zips? You'd think we'd have figured it out by now. If it's any consolation, though, Gregorian calendar types faced the same issue between 1900 and 1909. (Personally, I blame Stanley Kubrick for some of the confusion. Life might be much different if he had called his 1968 movie "Twenty-oh-one: A Space Odyssey")

And with 391 days left,

you'd figure that we might Stones. In the '70s, it was have come up with a Band Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin of the Decade. After all, and the Eagles. The '80s the '60s were gave us U2 and Springsteen all about while the '90s remains all the Beatabout grunge: Pearl les and vana, Soundgarden. the ken down to the be the band of the decade?

when we didn't have the kind of access to music that we have today. With all of us being able to get whatever song we want, wherever we are and whenever we want it, mass consensus has bro-

point where we're all individual islands of musical taste. When was the last time we had a new release that sold by the tens of millions? In the Olden Days, that happened all the time. Today, not much.

So back to my original ques-Which tion: artist/band will history make synonymous with this decade? I put this question to the masses through Yahoo! Canada Answers over the last week and I received hundreds of responses. And

there was a fair amount of agreement.

A lot of people made a good argument for Cold-After all, they play. emerged at the turn of the century and have sold somewhere around 30 million records.

Chris Martin is a photogenic frontman with a Hollywood wife and two bizarrely-named kids. And he and the rest of the band are committed to a variety of social and humanitarian causes.

Others suggestions included the White Stripes ("They made being indie cool for the mainstream!"), Nickelback ("Dude, say what you want, but they sold a lot of albums.") and the Killers ("Even my mom likes them!").

What do you think? Drop me a line and we'll revisit this sometime in the next 391 days.

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Democracy, Guns N' Roses; 4. I AM ... SASHA FIERCE, Beyoncé; 5. Theater of the Mind, Ludacris. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Music



Everest looks up to singer-songwriter Neil Young like a "shaman."

In Young's shadow

BRIAN TOWIE

Russell Pollard may have

reached the summit of his musical endeavours.

It's one reason why the former member of Sebadoh and Folk Implosion

named his latest project Everest, a L.A.-based folkrock hybrid he put together with bassist Rob Douglas, guitarist Joel Graves and drummer Davey Latter - all close friends with musical resumés as long as your arm (Earlimart, Alaska! and The Watson Twins

among them).

It's a friendship that produced Ghost Notes, Everest's debut that delves into bright pop in its first half and melancholy prog-rock in the second. Produced by Mike Terry (Foo Fighters), Ghost Notes has an early 1970s feel, recorded on analog tape in the late Elliot Smith's New Monkey studio — a work that Pollard says was a refreshing reboot for all concerned.

"We're all close friends and we got really frustrated with what we were doing," said the drummer turned singer-songwriter. "We didn't want something similar to what we had done in the past. We wanted something with no rules and no pretension, and it just evolved from there."

The band made a long climb in a short time: In November of 2007 Elliot Roberts, Neil Young's manager, warmed to Everest demos and invited the band to record under Young's Vapor Records label. Early this year, Everest played at the Sundance Film Festival, where Young was promoting Déjà Vu, a documentary about Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.

Impressed with what he heard at the fest, Young invited Everest on several European dates and the North American leg of his current tour with Wilco and Death Cab For Cutie.

"He's our shaman," Pollard says of Young. "He does what he wants to do; he doesn't compromise and he doesn't let what he does get messed with for the sake of money. We view that as the dream. It's a very organic thing."

Pollard plans on climbing more musical mountains in the future — already testing the crowds with new songs to appear on a potential second album that the band will record at the end of its tour. He says continuing while the group has this kind of creative independence isn't so much of a want as it is a need.

"I didn't think it would be possible to have as much fun as we are now," he said. "We can't stop. We'll just get depressed, and I plan on taking this thing as far as I want to go."







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Ricky Gervais: **Out of England**

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Office creator Ricky Gervais does his stand-up act in this special taped at Madison Square Gar-



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Natalli Reznik is among the final four dancers vying for the top

Reznik learns about herself

BRIAN COULTON for Metro Canada

Every week Natalli Reznik performed on So You

as much as I mouse that's afraid

Natalli Reznik

Think You Can Dance Canada, she thought she was going to be sent home. "I'm just that person that

keeps questioning what I'm feeling everyday to just try "I'm like a little to be honest

can," said the to get out in the dance contest world and face all Toronto competitor, who turned 20 vectorday feeling."

29 yesterday. Reznik is among the fi-

nal four dancers vying for the top spot in the inaugural edition of So You Think You Can Dance Canada. Over about three months of competition, 200 dancers from across the nation were whittled down to 20 and then, gradually, to four. Those four find out which takes the title of Canada' First Favourite Dancer, \$100,000 and a new car on the two-hour finale on CTV Sunday at 9 p.m.

Any worries about being sacked from the program certainly weren't aided by the intensive rehearsal schedule Reznik considers to be her greatest challenge throughout the competi-

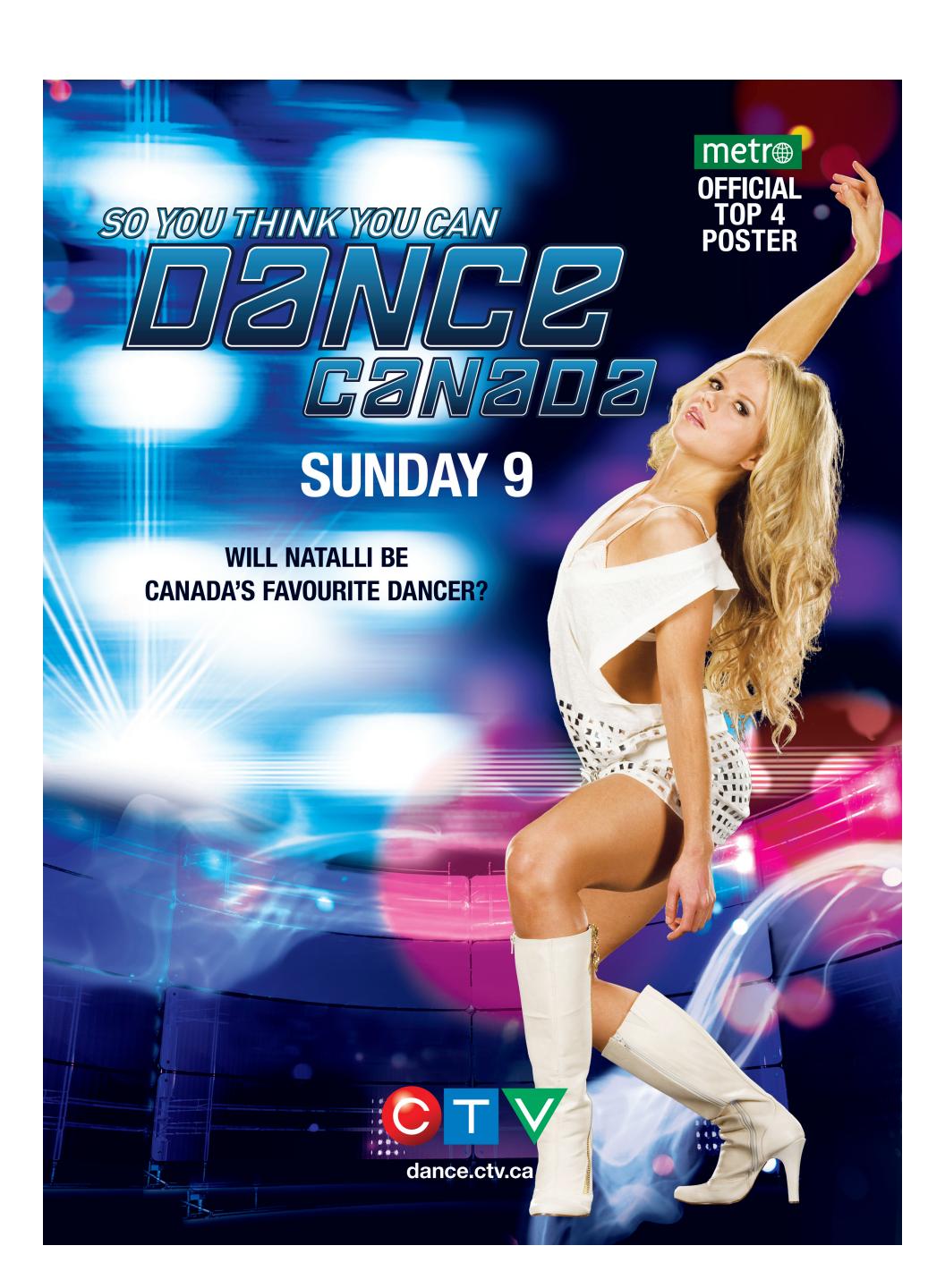
"There are no days off," she said. "You're learning so much, you're doing the show and then after that, physically and mentally, you want a day off, but you don't have time to take a

day off because the next day you're learning something else. There's build up of emotional craziness that you just need to chill.'

But despite the stress placed upon her that Reznik admits has brought her to tears, she said appearing on So You Think You Can Dance Canada has allowed her to achieve her greatest accomplishment conquering her fears.

"I'm like a little mouse that's afraid to get out in the world and face all the things that I'm feeling," she said.

"I was so scared most of my life. I was one of these people that people believed in, but I did not believe in myself."



34 movies & entertainment Sydney Tamila Poitier and Bruce Davison have been axed from the Knight Rider remake in an effort to keep costs down on the show. The pair completed the first 13 episodes of the TV series but they won't be back, according to U.S. tabloid the Globe. IMDB.COM

Going Out

Gifford, NBC face lawsuit

LEGAL Bosses at NBC and TV presenter Kathie Lee Gifford are facing legal action from a disgruntled musician who alleges her latest small-screen venture was his concept, imdb.com reports.

In a lawsuit filed at Los Angeles Superior Court, composer Harold Johns accuses the Today Show host and producers at NBC of plagiarizing his idea for the show's planned showtune segment.

Gifford, a former vocalist on the classic U.S. TV series Name That Tune, is reportedly set to incorporate a sketch into her presenting duties, which will see her transform viewers' tales into mini-musicals.

However, Johns claims he pitched a similar format in 2007, which he insists Gifford and NBC stole for use on The Today Show.

According to documents released by TMZ.com, Johns is suing for \$1 million US in damages.

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Palin ticks off the mighty O

Former VP candidate talking to anyone who'll listen ... except Oprah

IntelleVision



NO ONE SAYS NO TO OPRAH: She's taking her show to Washington D.C. for Barack Obama's inauguration, but Oprah Winfrey is apparently perplexed, even annoyed, that former Republican vice-presidential hopeful Sarah Palin hasn't appeared on the couch that Tom Cruise

"I said I would be happy to talk to Sarah Palin when the election was over," Oprah complained to Extra. "I went and tried to talk to Sarah Palin and instead she talked to Greta Van Susteren. She talked to Matt Lauer. She talked to

once pummelled.

"I said I would be happy to talk to Sarah Palin when the election was over. I went and tried to talk to Sarah Palin and instead she talked to Greta Van Susteren. She talked to Matt Lauer. She talked to Larry King, but she didn't talk to me. But maybe she'll talk to me now that she has a book deal."

Oprah Winfrey

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To which you can add hell, Palin even did a spot on Saturday Night Live at the height of Tina Fey's ongoing Palin party trick, and was probably willing to do Spring Break in Orlando.

Hell, I hear she's even penciling in a visit to my place to teach me how to do polar bear in the slow cooker, which will probably happen before she does

Oprah's show.

IT'S SORT OF LIKE PIZZA THAT **ORDERS ITSELF:** Mad Men star Jon Hamm will apparently be doing a trio of appearances on 30 Rock, playing a doctor neighbour of Tina Fey's Liz Lemon who becomes Lemon's new love interest.

"I just finished a couple of episodes, and I'll go back in the new year and do another one of those," Hamm told the Associated Press. "And then we'll see

what happens."

When those shows air, you'll be able to drive cattle through the streets of New York's Upper West Side and stage Burning Man on the streets of Toronto's Annex without anyone noticing. The rest of both countries will be shrugging and going, "30 what? Jon who?" but all the regions thick with New Yorker subscriptions will be turning off the phone and letting their Thai takeout go cold.

IT'S SIMPLE REALLY: In the New York Daily News, columnist David Hinckley surveys the season's offerings of dusty chestnuts and lacklustre new efforts, and wonders why Love, Actually, 2003's Brit Christmas remake of Schnitzler's La Ronde, isn't a holiday sta-

"For all the mediocre programs that TV dusts off

each year in hopes that we'll associate them with the holidays," Hinckley writes, "you'd think there would be more room for one that's funny, clever, droll, full of upbeat music and sends you away smil-

I'll tell you why, David: It's because it blows. Big time. That is all.

ing."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, but not opera.





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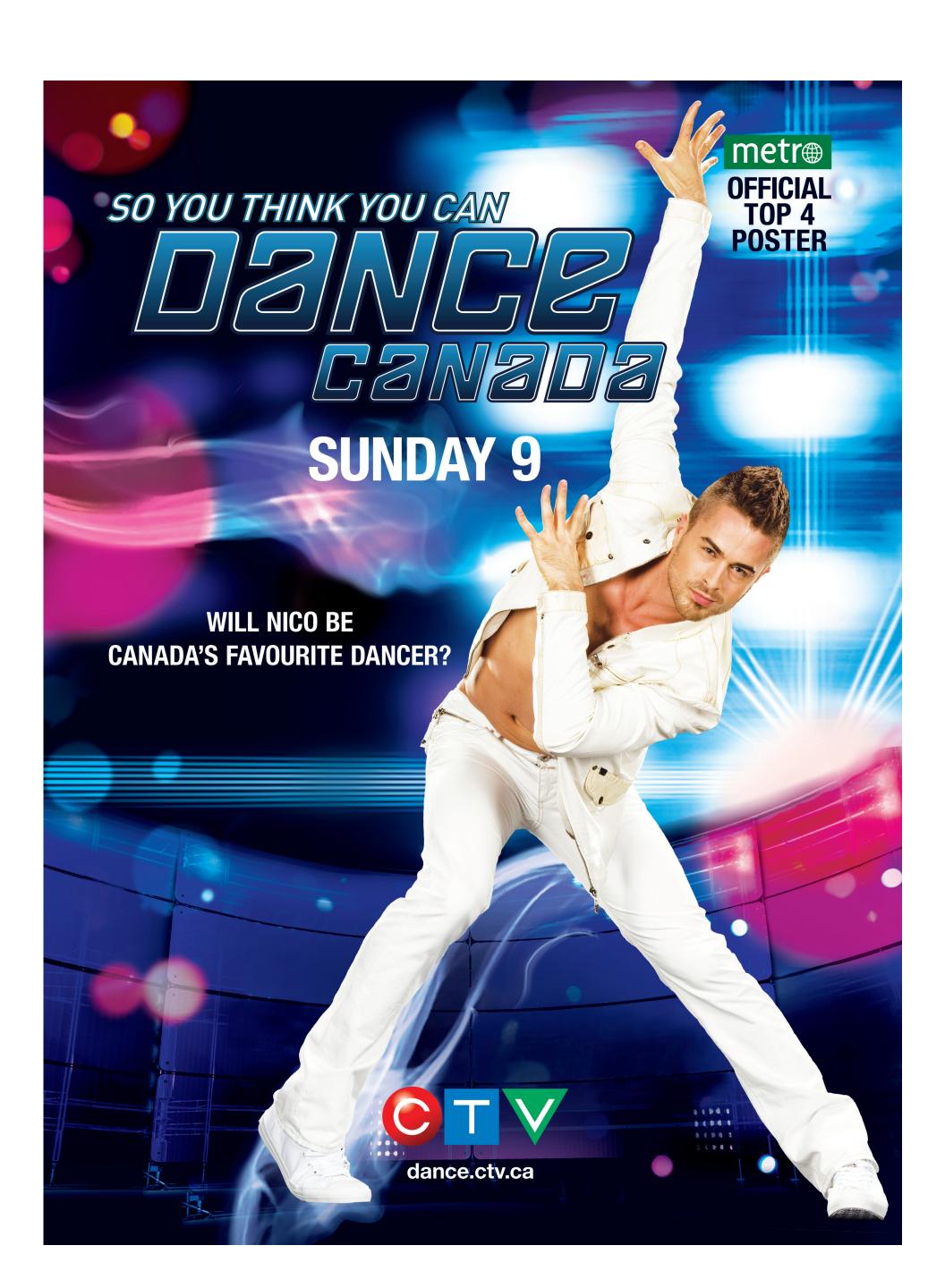
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Metro's **7**th **Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now

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Alba in Campari calendar Actress Jessica Alba flaunts her post-baby body in Campari's glamourous 2009 calendar. Only 9,999 copies have been printed.

Christian Siriano for Payless

Payless is going to get a little fiercer with Project Runway winner Christian Siriano designing an exclusive footwear and handbag collection for the store, available instores in the fall of 2009.

Britney's back in business

Britney Spears has released her much-anticipated album, Circus, after live performances in Europe and the United States. The pop star also announced plans for a tour with the Pussycat Dolls.

Christmas specials

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, especially on your television set. Classic holiday movies and Christmas cartoon specials will be airing this week.

Top Hats

Madonna, Heidi Klum and Britney Spears have all sported a dapper top hat as part their recent ensembles. This look is best suited to an over-the-top holiday affair.

So You Think You **Can Dance**

■ With just four dancers remaining, Canada will be watching this weekend to find out ends up on top.

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY



Eppiphane

Capital Music Hall, 128 York St.

After going solo for a time, frontman Adam Kavanagh has re-formed Eppiphane, a group of Kanata rockers, for a concert showcasing their new songs. Tickets



Jim Bryson Sat., 9 p.m.; Sun., 4 p.m.

are \$10.

Black Sheep Inn, 420 Riverside Drive, Wakefield,

Bryson returns for his annual holiday performances at the Black Sheep Inn. Special guests are Tusks on Saturday and Tanya Davis on Sunday.



Courting Excellence: An Evening with 4 Award-Winning **Ottawa Authors**

Sat., 7 p.m. Arts Court Theatre, 2 Daly Ave.

Elizabeth Hay, Frutkin, Frances Itani and Monty Reid will read from their works. Tickets \$25.



Christmas GOOSE

National Arts Centre, 4th Stage

Local singer/songwriters including Pat Moore, Lynne Hanson (pictured), Tom Lips, Jennifer Noxon and Kate & Hollis raise money for the Ottawa Food Bank. Tickets are \$18.



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Sat., 8 p.m. The LiVe Lounge, 126 ½ York

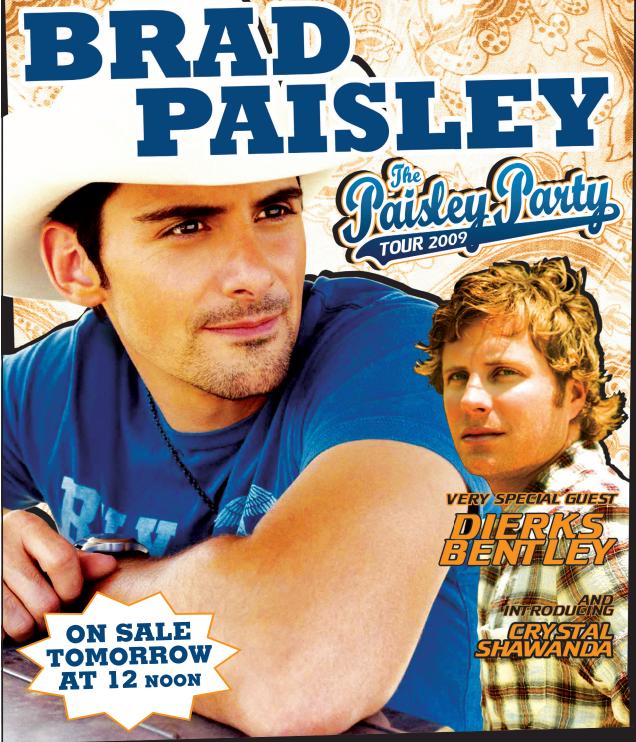
One man musical show Yoav returns to Ottawa to show off his unique guitar stylings. With guests Doriane, The Sunjet Records Band and Tara Holloway. Tickets are \$10.



Zaphod's Mustache Bash

Fri., 7 p.m. Zaphod Beeblebrox, 27 York

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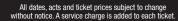
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Baywatch baby

Former Baywatch star Gena Lee Nolin and her husband, NHL hockey player Cale Hulse, have welcomed a girl, Stella Monroe Hulse. She was born Wednesday in Scottsdale, Ariz. PEOPLE.COM



RELATIONSHIPS Heidi Mon-

tag's mother has wrecked

her daughter's new wed-

ded bliss by predicting her

marriage to Spencer Pratt

will last just six months,

imdb.com reports.

is fuming after The

Hills stars eloped

to Mexico to mar-

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Union doomed: Heidi's mom

Celebrity Buzz

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Getty regrets actions over Miller

RELATIONSHIPS Actor Balthazar Getty regrets not standing up for girlfriend Sienna Miller and his wife Rosetta when the media took aim at them over his alleged infidelities, imdb.com reports.

Getty feels both women were treated unfairly by the tabloids when news of his romance with Miller first surfaced earlier this year, and now he wishes he had done something to protect the ladies in his

"There comes a time when it just gets a little bit too hurtful. It takes two to tango, man. You can't just point your finger at one Historically,

women always get the short end of the stick," he tells America's TV Guide magazine.

"People went too far, whether it was invading Rosetta and the kids' privacy or saying really awful things about Sienna. They (photographers and reporters) yelled the most awful, disturbing things at her. Sometimes I wish I'd just stepped forward and said, 'Enough!'

Getty refused to confirm reports he and Miller have reconciled after a brief split, adding, "I can't comment on what's going on there. I just

He adds that both Miller and his wife are "both special people in my life."

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Dunst back on dating scene?

RELATIONSHIPS Kirsten Dunst is back on the dating scene after breaking up with Justin Long — the actress is reportedly romancing filmmaker Jacob Soboroff, imdb.com reports.

Dunst is working with Soboroff on a documentary about voting, and the two have become more than close friends, according to reports.

Yes, they're dating," a source tells Life + Style magazine.

The new couple was spotted shopping together at an art store last week.

Dunst previously dated Jake Gyllenhaal and reportedly romanced Or-



Simpson loves

self-help books

PEOPLE Jessica Simpson has

a solid relationship with

quarterback Tony Romo

and a hit country album,

improvement, People.com

Do You Know, but the

singer still thinks she

buy the new self-help

could use some self-

reports.

Dallas Cowboys

because one celebrity plus

No excuse for DUI, Osment says

RELATIONSHIPS Supermodelturned-talk-show host Tyra Banks avoids romance with fellow celebrities, instead choosing to meet potential boyfriends

"I try not to

many hours crying and depressed," Egelhoff tells Us magazine. "I've been completely cut out because of Spencer. I didn't get to shop for a dress and be involved. She's too young

to get married, and Spencer has cut everyone out of her life ... I want the best for my daughter — and he's definitely not it."

And she delivers a damning verdict on the future of union: "I'm confident the marriage won't work out. I give it six months." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tyra prefers blind dates to stars

through blind dates, imdb.com reports.

She insists she isn't looking to find love with another famous person because the media attention would be too much to handle.

date people who are famous

another celebrity equals five," she tells Ebony magazine. "The paparazzi will just start mixing my name with theirs. I find it fascinating looking at oth-

er celebs dating each other and I'm like, 'Look how cool they look!' But it's not a personal interest

of mine, I get set up by my friends. It's the hook

METRO NEWS

Jamie Lynn underwent secret procedure?



BEAUTY Jamie Lynn Spears has undergone a secret fatreducing cosmetic proceaccording tabloid reports.

Both Star magazine and the National Enquirer 17-year-old Spears has had her tummy trimmed by soy-based injections that dissolve

> Enquirer The claims the former star of Zooey 101 underwent the procedure recent-

But Ripa has hit back at

"The Enquirer runs the

allegations made by The

National Enquirer this

story on a regular basis.

There is no truth. They

ly, at a clinic in Nevada.

Star claims Spears was actually treated in October 2007, shortly before she discovered she was pregnant with her daughter Maddie

"Her mom, Lynne, approved the injections and went through tons of red tape to get the clinic to administer them to an underage patient. She had no idea she was pregnant," a source tells Star.

A representative for Spears has refused to comment on the reports.

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BABY Anne Heche and her partner James Tupper are expecting their first child together, femalefirst.co.uk



surveys, then I get my

REGRET Former child star "I am the first person to go to Barnes & Noble and Haley Joel Osment quit alcohol at the age of 18, after book," Simpson, 28, tells he was caught allegedly Marie Claire in its January driving drunk in Hollyissue. "I like to fill out the wood in 2006, imdb.com reports. friends' opinions on how I The incident shamed the answered to see if I was beactor, who had to pay a ing honest with myself or

fine and adhere to probation, as well as a mandatory rehab stint and Alcoholics Anonymous course.

Osment vowed to stop drinking completely until he turns 21 and is able to buy his own booze legally.

Two-and-a-half years laters, the actor is approaching the landmark — he turns 21 in April — and he is proud to have confronted demons and servec his punishment.

"It was an example of someone just out of high school being extremely irresponsible. There's no excuse for that," he says. "I learned my lesson. I made a bad decision, and it's something you can't run



Ripa pans divorce rumours

women."

week.

RELATIONSHIPS TV personality Kelly Ripa has brushed off reports she's splitting from her husband of 12 years, actor Mark Consuelos, imdb.com reports.

Tabloids suggested Ripa walked out on Consuelos over his alleged involve-



Heche ecstatic about expecting

The actress is said to be extremely excited about the pregnancy.







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Take Five

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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25 Heidi's home 27 Some exams

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41 Congregant's seat

44 Bocelli solo

45 Breakfast option

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49 Lessen

52 Superlative ending

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56 Golfer Ernie

57 Fashion

Crossword down

1 Upper limit

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9 Birds' bills

19 Home

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35 That is (Lat.)

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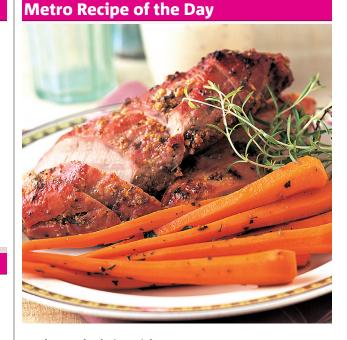
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Pork Tenderloin with **Honey-Mustard Sauce**

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh rosemary or 1 tsp (5 mL) dried 2 garlic cloves, minced

1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon zest

1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt 1 pork tenderloin (about 1 lb/500 g), trimmed 1/3 cup (75 mL) fresh lemon

juice 1/4 cup (50 mL) honey 3 tbsp (45 mL) coarse Dijon

mustard 1/2 cup (125 mL) 10% cream 1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Line small roasting pan with foil. Combine rosemary, garlic, lemon zest and salt in small bowl and rub evenly over pork tenderloin; transfer pork to pan. Mix lemon juice, honey and mustard in small bowl. Transfer half to small saucepan and set

2. Brush pork with 2 tbsp (25 mL) honey-mustard sauce. Roast pork until glazed and golden brown or until instant-read thermometer reads 160°F (71°C), about 25 minutes, basting 2 or 3 times with remaining sauce. 3. Meanwhile, put cream in small bowl and whisk in flour until smooth. Warm reserved honev-mustard sauce in small saucepan over low heat. Gradually whisk in cream mixture and cook, whisking constantly, until sauce thickens, about 3 minutes. Serve with pork.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 Don't run away from an intense situation if in doubt. An

adversary wants to learn your

tricks. Incompetence raises

some second thoughts.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23 Something marvelous will happen. A magical awakening takes place. Something you say convinces a friend to stay behind.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Desperate measures are taken by new people. Search for thrills with a reckless buddy. Friends will gather behind the

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

It's too late to think the best of a buddy. A moving tribute is made to a generous act. Check out a proposed business ven-

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

There are too many options to choose from. Adventures are caused by trying to get somewhere. An obsession with something could get sticky.

SAGITTARIUS

sense.

NOV 23-DEC 21 Monitor all conversations with a bureaucrat. A mystifying friend gives a heart-felt speech. Something begins to make

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Pay attention to the direction of a vehicle. Someone isn't sure of the consequences. Be silent when an old argument resur-

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20 There'll be a case of mistaken identity. You need to get something off your chest. You'll be told of unfamiliar circumstances.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

aside.

Someone will be a poor loser. You'll want to quit an unhappy situation. A little guy will back

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

You have to set a good example. Easy friendship comes from setting boundaries. Pay attention to loved ones.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22 Regret over a mischievous encounter dissipates. Someone changes the rules. Pay attention to an over-reaction

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